

## 5th District Events

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
6 - 8 PM  
Rialto City Hall  
Please bring an item for our  
canned food and toy drive  
Call 909.877.9706 for information

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**Rialto Holiday Parade**  
Begins at 10:00 AM  
Corner of Bloomington Avenue  
& Riverside Avenue  
Call 909.877.9706 for information

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**Community Ho Ho Parade**  
5:30 PM  
Visit [www.hohoparade.com](http://www.hohoparade.com)  
for more information

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**Career Vision Workshop**  
Begins at 10:00 AM  
Colton Public Library  
656 North 9th St., Colton  
Call 909.381.8238 for information

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**Inlandia Creative  
Writing Workshop**  
3:30 - 5:30 PM  
Feldheim Library  
555 West 6th St., San Bernardino  
Call 909.381.8238 for information

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**San Bernardino County 2015  
Homeless Point in Time Count**  
8:00 AM  
Call 909.386.8297 for information

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**Adult Fishing Workshop**  
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park  
800 N. Archibald Avenue, Ontario  
Call 909.387.2461 for information

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## Eco-friendly machines are coming to a freeway near you

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For C.R. England, the choice to expand  
their eco-friendly fleet was simple.

"Our customers are demanding greener transportation modes and these types of offerings help us meet their needs," England said, "We had a unique opportunity with this introduction to find a situation that was a fit from a customer, freight, fueling and equipment standpoint."

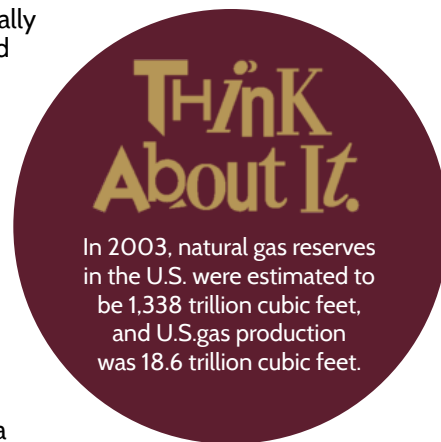
This isn't C.R. England's first venture in alternative fueled trucks. The company first introduced LNG trucks on a smaller scale nearly three years ago. Improvements in natural gas technology have allowed the company to steadily grow their already impressive LNG fleet.

"As an industry leader, we are driven to continually find ways to decrease our carbon footprint," said England.

Supervisor Josie Gonzales recently took a tour of the Colton facility to get a glimpse of the company's newest addition.

"C.R. England is a company on the cutting edge. The England family is taking a firm lead in the LNG trucking industry while meeting the needs of their customers and helping protect the environment," Gonzales said. "As a South Coast Air Quality Management District board member, I am grateful to have C.R. England as a helping hand in cleaning the air that we breathe."

The C.R. England Colton truck terminal is located at 2250 South Riverside Ave. To schedule a visit or tour of the facility, call Melvin Maclin at (951) 231-1155.



## Fontana Re-entry Support Team

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this can do, then I would be willing to hire anyone they send my way."

Life on the open road gives Escarsca purpose and time to think about his future goal of becoming a freight broker. For the first time in his life he is proud that he can provide for his son and excited to share his story with others. "We all make mistakes," Escarsca admitted. "We need to learn from them and do something positive for ourselves."

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month (with the exception of federally observed holidays) 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Fontana Women's Club 16880 Seville Avenue.

For more Information call (909) 350-7761 or email [FRSTteam@fontana.org](mailto:FRSTteam@fontana.org).






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## County employee honored for her military service

If you asked Marian Motley who she is, she'd tell you she is just like any other secretary. She comes into work each morning at the San Bernardino County Government Center, rides the elevator to her floor, and tacitly labors at her desk.

But those who know her closely would tell you there's something rather special about the executive secretary at the front desk of the fourth floor.

Yes, she has two college degrees with high honors AND a Pharmacy Technician certification in her back pocket, but that was light work compared to the real honor she holds.

Marian T. Motley is a 24-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and California Air National Guard. She enlisted in 1975, a time when it was unusual and culturally contentious to see women in the military, especially a young woman of color.

"I had a lot of young men that wanted to

challenge me," Motley said.

Rising through the ranks, Motley had to overcome the adversity of those unwilling to accept her leadership role within the military.

"A lot of guys, especially during that time, had issues with women being in charge. I'd ask them, 'How many stripes do you have on your arm? You have two, I have four. You do the math,'" Motley said.

As she speaks during an interview about these personal contests, you still feel the weight her words carry decades later.

"There was a little friction there, but we got along a lot better later," Motley says with a smirk.

Undeterred by the trouble she faced, Motley



Marian Motley (third from the left) pictured with the County Board of Supervisors.

exited her military career with a higher sense of what it means to be an American and a greater respect for her homeland.

"You don't know how patriotic you are until you put on that uniform and say 'I do.' It just sends chills down your spine," Motley said.

"In my time I saw people come here and kiss the ground, I can relate to that. You hear a lot of people talking about the government in a negative way, but let them go overseas and come back like I did, they'll say 'I see what

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## Eco-friendly machines are coming to a freeway near you

They're lean, mean, environmentally friendly machines—and not to forget, good for business too. Natural gas powered 18-wheeler trucks will soon be hitting on-ramps across the Southland, and trucking industry giant C.R. England, Inc. is leading the way.

"C.R. England is a strong advocate of sustainable transportation and is aggressively implementing and testing new technology, equipment and training to provide our customers and our environment with greener transportation," Zach England said, Chief Operating Officer of C.R. England, Inc.

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## Eco-friendly machines are coming to a freeway near you

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In addition to their newly opened truck terminal in Colton, C.R. England added 10 new Mack Pinnacle 12-liter liquid nitrogen gas (LNG) tractors to their Southern California fleets this year.

“We have made the commitment to continually test this equipment and introduce them into strategic areas where the freight and fueling networks fit best,” England said.

One of those strategic areas is the City of Colton, where C.R. England’s new truck terminal recently opened. Located at 2250 South Riverside

Ave., the 34-acre site is the second largest facility in the nation that the company owns.

Colton is the perfect home for an LNG truck fleet. No other place of business provides the fueling support network California has. The Golden State is home to 14 public LNG fueling stations, the most of any other state in the U.S.

We are optimistic about the future of LNG and are hopeful to grow the fleet significantly. We have seen some of the many benefits of natural gas and hope to continue to expand our

presence this year and into the future.”

According to C.R. England, LNG trucks offer a variety of benefits over their diesel-fueled counterparts.

One advantage is energy security. Natural gas reserves are abundant in the U.S., meaning that LNG fuel can be domestically produced at a lower cost compared to foreign oil. This is a major benefit compared to diesel trucks that hold hundreds of gallons of high-priced fuel and only average 5 to 6 miles per gallon.

LNG trucks are cleaner too. Compared to the average air emissions from coal-fired generation, natural gas produces half as much carbon dioxide and less than a third as much nitrogen oxides according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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## Fontana Re-entry Support Team, a source for second chances

By Martha Guzman-Hurtado



Road trips provide time for reflection. For Homar Escarscga, a truck driver with a subsidiary company of Thompson Building Materials, the long distance road trips delivering materials to clients allows time to think about his newfound freedom.

“I am grateful,” said Homar Escarscga. “The long drives keep me busy and my mind occupied on the future. Life is good in the driver’s seat. He plans on steering clear from his criminal past now that he has changed his ways with the assistance of the Fontana Re-entry Support Team program (F.R.S.T.).”

While most 17-year-old boys are preoccupied with sports and graduating high school, Homar Escarscga was serving a federal sentence in a California State prison. He was young, smart and misguided. He made mistakes that cost him his freedom.

He escaped from prison at the age of 21 and tasted freedom as a fugitive for three and a half years, while working odd jobs to make ends meet. It was during this time that he fathered a son and realized he would have to change his ways if he wanted to be around to raise him properly.

“I didn’t have the guts to turn myself in,” said Homar Escarscga. “I decided to wait to get arrested.” He returned to prison in 2007.

On December 17, 2013, 32-year-old Homar Escarscga was released from prison after completing an 11 year sentence. He earned his freedom and the opportunity to turn his life around. He went to a half-way house with nothing but the determination to look for resources in the community. “You have to start from the bottom,” said Escarscga. “I knew I was lucky to have a second chance and I was going to prove myself.”

One of his first stops was the San Bernardino County Employment Development Department where he learned about the F.R.S.T. program.

The F.R.S.T. program was created in 2012 in response to California Assembly Bill 109 also known as prison realignment, which transferred responsibility of incarcerating low-risk inmates from the state to counties. The program is a collaborative effort between various service providers including the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) that provides early-release prisoners and probationers with job skills training

to prevent them from re-offending. Since 2012, F.R.S.T. has assisted 333 individuals with valuable resources and placed over 115 in employment.

Escarscga immediately took advantage of free resources and job skills training after attending a Fontana Re-entry Support Team meeting in January of 2014. Upon completion of the program, he enrolled in a truck driving school. He proudly completed the course and obtained his commercial driver’s license. He says all of the support he received from the Fontana Re-entry Support Team motivated him.

“Homar displayed a drive and hunger to become successful and not return to his past,” said Fontana Officer Nate Weiske. “F.R.S.T. provided him the assistance he needed to be a responsible, tax-paying, law-abiding citizen.”

Four weeks after receiving his license, Escarscga landed a job as a truck driver with a company owned by Ken Thompson of Thompson Building Materials. Mr. Thompson strongly supports the F.R.S.T. program and has offered employment to others with similar backgrounds. “Mr. Escarscga has been a model employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty for a driver,” said Dispatch Supervisor Bethany Broeker. “If he is to be the example of what a program like

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“We all make mistakes,” Escarscga admitted. “We need to learn from them and do something positive for ourselves.”

## County employee honored for military service

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makes the United States the United States, because we do have the best country.”

After 15 years as an executive secretary with San Bernardino County Counsel, she’s never forgotten the meaning of her years in service. Motley was hesitant but decisive in leaving the military, especially with her daughter and three sons at home, all of which were born during her time in service.

In 1999, she was honorably discharged from the California Air National Guard with the rank of Master Sergeant.

“If it was up to me I would’ve stayed another year or two, I might still be in the Force!” Motley still reminisces about her days stationed abroad in the Azores, England, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, and Turkey. She jokes about being pinched on the rear in Norway by a stranger, but makes serious note of the real life lessons her military service taught her. Lessons she instills in her children today.

“You learn who you are, you learn to be structured, and learn your own direction,” Understanding the cultural significance of her decision to join the military almost 40 years from today, it’s easy to say that Motley’s direction was the road less traveled.



## Josie’s Journal



There is a very serious problem present in each of our communities—homelessness. It is an issue that affects each and every person in our county.

These are the facts:

- San Bernardino County has the highest population of students who have experienced homelessness in the state
- In San Bernardino County, 33,859 students were designated as homelessness during the 2012-13 academic year, about 8 percent of the total county student population
- A 24-hour survey, conducted in 2011 found that 2,321 adults and children were homeless in San Bernardino County

But there is good news.

Collectively, we have the resources and tools within our departments, agencies, and neighboring cities that are fighting to reduce the homeless population. We know of the best evidence-based practices that can help someone recover from the various types of homelessness, however we must continue to secure the federal funding available to fund homeless prevention and Housing First programs.

How do we secure that funding? Answer: The 2015 Point-in-Time Homeless Count.

The 2015 Point-in-Time Homeless Count (PITC) is a one-day count and survey of sheltered and unsheltered individuals to

identify how many people in the county are homeless on a given day.

The PITC also allows us to identify the changing face of homelessness. Long gone is the conventional image of a homeless drifter—those who simply rebelled in favor of breaking free from society.

Today’s homeless are your neighbors who were foreclosed on, a single parent with their children living in their car, a teenager who sleeps on a friend’s couch a few nights a week. These days, homelessness comes as a result of many factors, including poverty, mental illness, recidivism or recent incarceration, spousal abuse, parental neglect, and more.

But day by day, with the cooperative support of the County, its partners, and service providers, we will help implement the real change that can bring an end to homelessness in our region.

If you would like to participate in San Bernardino County’s movement to end homelessness, volunteers are needed for the Jan. 22 Point-in-Time Homeless Count.

Visit [sanbernardinocountyhomelesscounts.com](http://sanbernardinocountyhomelesscounts.com) or contact the Office of Homeless Services at (909) 386-8297, email [Michele.bletcher@dbh.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Michele.bletcher@dbh.sbcounty.gov) or [Chamilton@hss.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Chamilton@hss.sbcounty.gov)

